

## **Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 111**

### **RESOLUTION CHAPTER 61**

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 111—Relative to California Cancer Survivors Day.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SCR 111, Machado. California Cancer Survivors Day.

This measure would proclaim the first Sunday of June 2006 and in each year thereafter, as California Cancer Survivors Day, to coincide with National Cancer Survivors Day.

WHEREAS, According to the National Cancer Institute, an estimated 10.1 million Americans are living with a cancer history. Some of these individuals are cancer-free, while others still have evidence of cancer and may be undergoing treatment; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society, California Division, approximates that nearly 950,000 Californians who are alive today have a history of cancer, and nearly 590,000 were diagnosed five or more years ago; and

WHEREAS, Anyone is at risk for developing some form of cancer; and

WHEREAS, The National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation defines survivor as anyone living with a history of cancer, from the moment of diagnosis through the remaining years of life; and

WHEREAS, This year, about 136,875 Californians will be diagnosed as having cancer; and

WHEREAS, More than 79,000 Californians who will be diagnosed with cancer this year will be alive five years after diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, Improved and early detection and treatment allows more people with cancer to live longer and with a better quality of life than ever before; and

WHEREAS, Nevertheless, it must be recognized that cancer is a life-altering experience not solely for the individual, but for family members, friends, and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, Emotional, physical, and financial hardships are common occurrences that individuals and their extended communities endure years after diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, It is essential to recognize and educate communities about the organizations and agencies available to survivors and their families and friends; and

WHEREAS, In addition, it is imperative that acknowledgment, reflection, and commemoration of this extraordinary feat take place for all those impacted by this life-altering experience; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaims the first Sunday of June 2006 and in each year thereafter, as California Cancer Survivors Day, to coincide with National Cancer Survivors Day; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor.